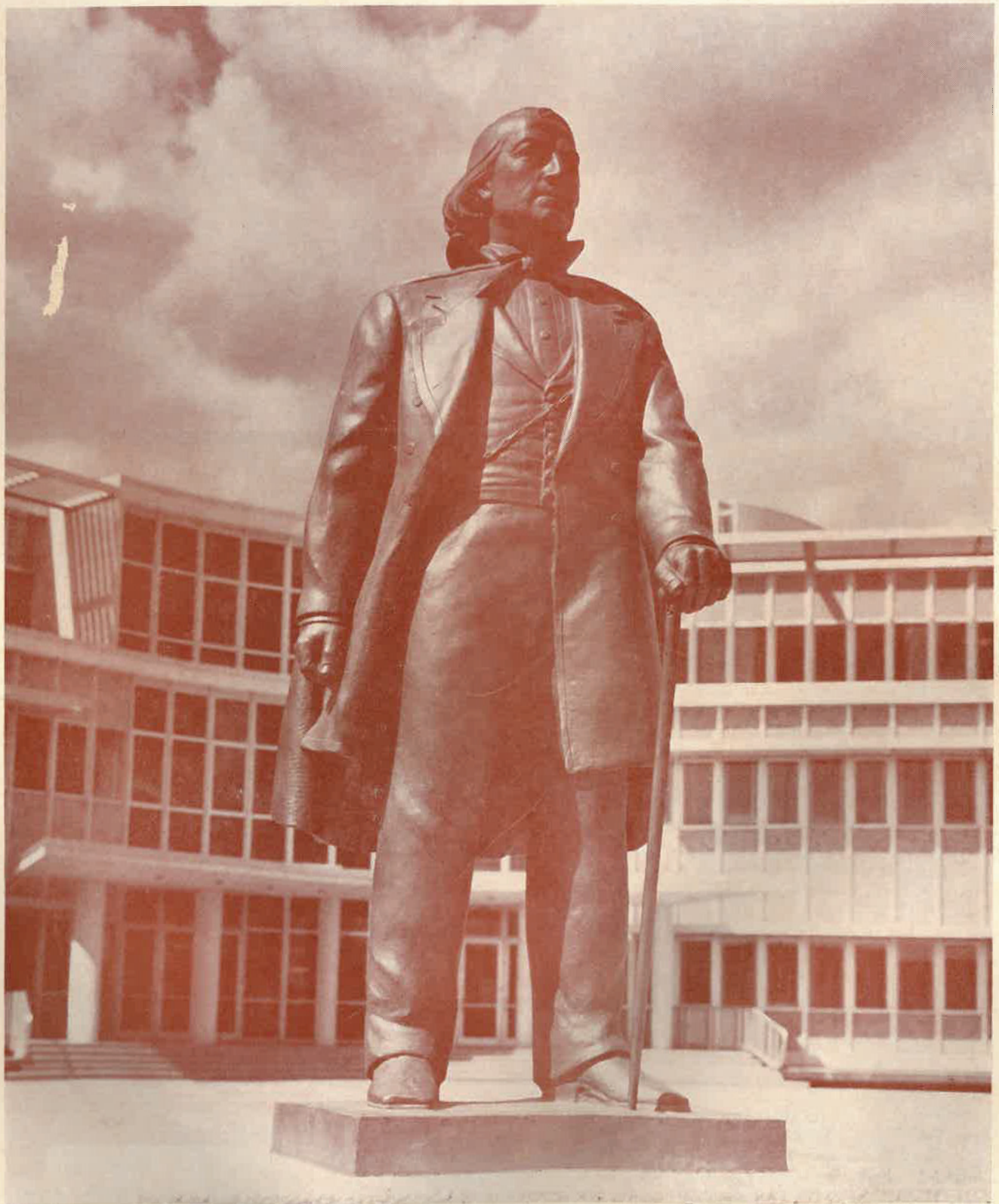


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*Statue of Brigham Young by Mahonri Young in front of the Owen Smoot Building at Brigham Young University*



Vasco M. Tanner

## President's Message

*By President Vasco M. Tanner*

As a final President's message, may I take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the support and assistance of the Vice Presidents, executive committee members, and all other National and Chapter officers of the SUP. Without the help of a loyal, cooperative group of officers, it would have been impossible to have had such a successful and harmonious year of activity.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as President of this developing society, and pledge my support to the organization in future years. The 1962-63 National Executive Board was composed of dedicated members. All board meetings were well attended. We have made gains in membership and finances.

As National President of this society, I would be derelict if I did not express appreciation and thanks for the efficient labors of our Executive Secretary and Editor of the SUP News, T. Mack Woolley; also a most faithful and honored member and Managing Director of the SUP Village, Horace A. Sorensen, and Col. Fred M. Reese, and other officers and members of the Mormon Battalion, who brought honor to Utah and the SUP at their Arizona Centennial Celebration at Tucson in February, 1963. Through the labor of the above and many faithful members, the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Society is well established and with a bright future.

The 1962 Encampment at Logan was one we will long remember. We are looking forward to having a successful one at Provo

## George Albert Smith Chapter Reports

*By Dean W. Payne*

The George A. Smith Camp No. 7 of Sons of Utah Pioneers, Provo, Utah, had an old-time dutch oven barbecue for forty people at the home of David Nelson on May 18, 1963. The menu consisted of pioneer chipped beef gravy on corn bread, stewed brown beans, salad greens and water-cress, Brigham tea and peppermint tea. Mayor Verl Dixon arranged for the event and Vern Bullock arranged for a special color movie on the Hole-in-the-Rock and crossing of the Colorado River. Some of the members and their wives wore pioneer costumes to the outdoor barbecue.

The regular chapter meeting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, 1963, featured a special talk by Woodruff Thompson of the BYU His-

tory Department about the part played by returning members of the Mormon Battalion in the discovery of gold at Sutters Mill in California prior to the gold rush of 1849.

The June 2, 1963, meeting enjoyed a talk by Brother and Sister LeRoy R. Hafen who presented the story of the pioneer handcart companies. Brother and Sister Hafen have recently published their interesting book of this subject "Handcarts to Zion." The monthly meeting programs were arranged by Dean W. Payne and Vern Bullock of the Program Committee.

The Provo Chapter welcomes five new members: Delbert C. Brimhall, Kenner B. Clayton, Richard Grant Ellsworth, Paul J. Henriksen, and J. Max Loveless.



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# Our Living Heritage

by Vasco M. Tanner

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers have established some worthy objectives and goals. These are in the main concerned with the social and archeological aspects of the Pioneers.

There is one phase of our Utah heritage, however, that we have not been too concerned with. It is this segment of our environment with which I wish to deal.

May I call to your attention some of our natural history conditions which prevailed when Utah was first settled. Let us, as an example, take Utah Valley, with its mountains to the east, the agricultural land between them, and Utah Lake and the meadows surrounding the lake. On the meadow, thousands of curlews circled above, issuing their unforgettable mating calls. The avocets, Wilson snipes, stilts, phalaropes, bitterns, and killdeers filled the air with their calls, because they were not molested in the building of their nests. From the tule stocks, the yellow-headed blackbirds and tule wrens hung their grass nests, from which they watched thousands of that amphibious mammal, the muskrat, as they built their runways through the peat of the swamps.

On the tule-lined lake shores and rivers were great varieties of water fowl, consisting of such ducks as mallards, cinnamon teal, pin tails, canvasbacks, gadwalls, and spoonbills.

These interesting and valuable birds came annually to this lake region for breeding purposes. From the water of the lake, the birds obtained their food, which consisted of invertebrate organisms and fish.

The lake was literally teeming with fish. From its waters for years after the settlement of the valley, hundreds of tons of trout, some weighing 15 to 16 pounds, were taken with the seine. The suckers and chubs were so plentiful that Mr. David Starr Jordan of Stanford University agreed with Peter Madsen of Provo in pronouncing the lake the "greatest sucker pond in the world."

In 1776, Escalante found this valley the home of a tribe of Indians, who lived almost exclusive-

ly upon the fish from the lake. From that day to this, 186 years, either Indians or white men have camped or lived near the mouth of Provo River. In 1844, when Captain John C. Fremont visited Utah Lake, he reported the trout as abundant and found it to be a good food fish. The early Mormon explorer and missionary, Parley P. Pratt, and associates, in December, 1847, surveyed the north end of the Utah Lake and stated that they found trout and other fish to be common.

In July, 1872, the eminent scientists Dr. H. C. Yarrow and W.H. Henshaw visited Utah Lake and made the following observations: "In comparison with other fish of Utah Lake, the lake trout is undoubtedly the most numerous and most easily captured. The great size this fish attains, as far as we could learn on inquiry and from personal observation, is three feet, weight about fifteen and one-half pounds. The average length, however, is about fourteen inches, and average weight one and one-half pounds."

Within the past hundred years, many changes have been wrought in the water, plants and animals and soil resources of this oasis of the Great Basin. For example: In 1884 when the first chemical analysis was made this was a freshwater lake of the sulphate type, but due to the almost complete diversion of the streams which have been use to irrigate valley lands, the seepage water has changed it to a saline lake with four times as much salt as when first analyzed. Likewise, the breeding and return of the young fish to the lake has been greatly interfered with, due to changes made in stream entry into the lake. The management and the introduction of exotic species has had a marked effect upon bringing about of an unbalanced condition in the lake. We have introduced more than 25 species of exotic fishes into Utah Lake. The agreement of 1884, setting up the "Compromise Level" made a reservoir of Utah Lake for irrigation purposes. This created a fluctuating shoreline, destroying fish breeding in many places, as well as destroying other types of habitation for aquatic animal life.

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Now this is largely past history. No longer do we hear the call of the crulews, the howl of the coyotes or timber wolf, the boom of the prairie chicken or the call of the whooping crane. We have been creating a new environment, an environment of which we are not too sure. We have brought about the elimination of our native trout in Utah Lake. Many of our fur-bearing animals have disappeared from Utah. If they have not disappeared completely, they are reduced in numbers so that they are rarely, if ever, seen or heard. Our upland game birds have been badly dealt with. Here in Utah as throughout the world, helpless animals are being squeezed by man almost to the brink of extinction. More than 200 species of birds and mammals have disappeared from the face of the earth and still another 250 species are on the brink of extinction today. We have dealt in a ruthless manner with our forest and the vegetative cover of our watersheds. History reveals that in every land and in all ages, forests have had a profound influence on the progress and welfare of mankind. The removal of our forest coverings is on of the most tragic examples of human folly in dealing with the well-ordered system of nature. When we destroy a forest, plow a field or drain a marsh, we are upsetting a balance in nature that has required thousands of years to develop. In nature, we find that all forms of life are subject to natural conditions, but man's interference by establishing artificial situations creates many problems, eliminates many species of plants and animals from an area and brings about new situations, the consequences of which we cannot determine.

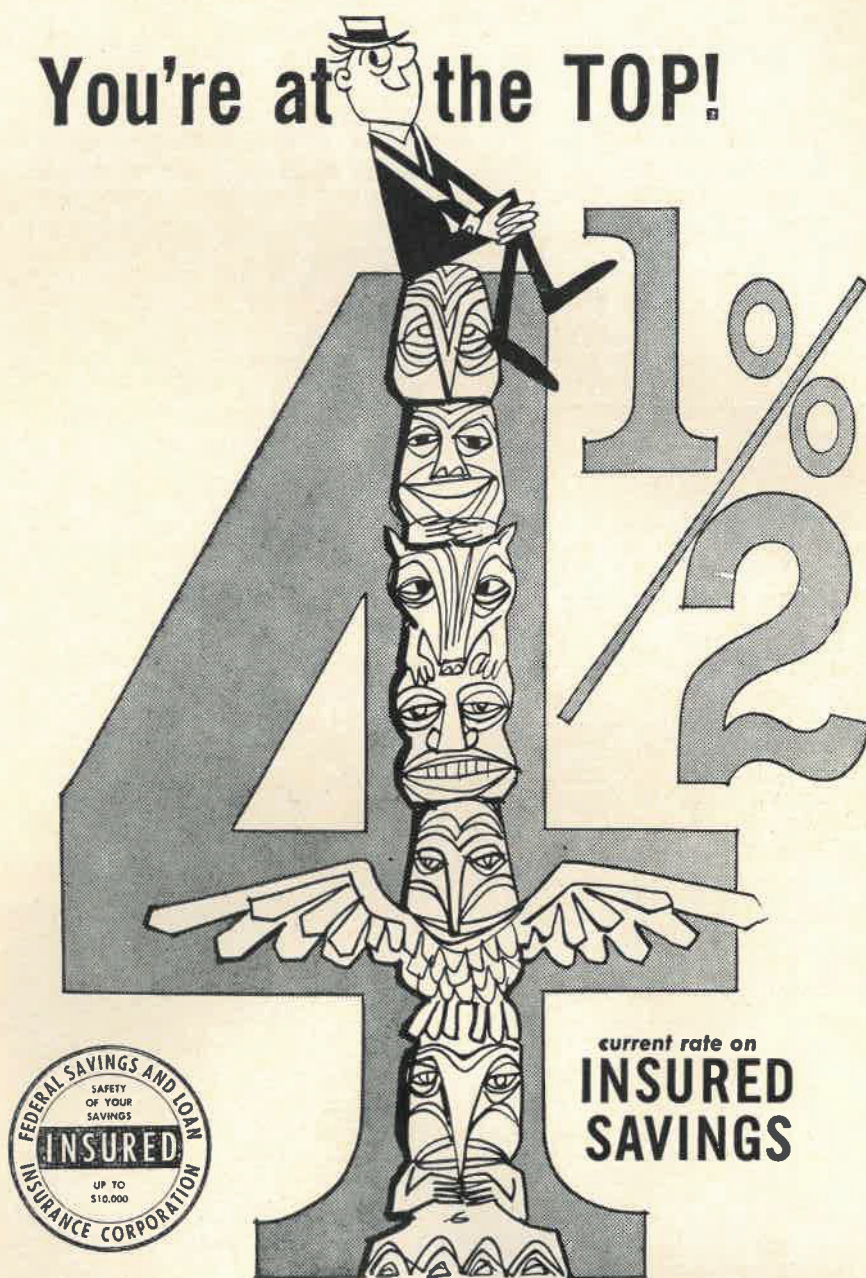
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NEWSPAPER EDITOR FROM JAPAN VISITS PIONEER VILLAGE. Reading from left to right: Eileen Kingsbury, Eliabeth Walker (sister of Eileen from Los Angeles), Francis Kingsbury (daughter of Ron and Eileen, returned missionary from Japan), Kinji Ishizaka (foreign news editor of the Sankei Shimbun), Ronald L. Kingsbury (treasurer of Pioneer Village), Horace A. Sorensen (Director of the Village), and Japanese guide working for the United States State Department out of New Jersey, who brought the Editor to the United States for a tour of this country. The background shows the statue of the Pony Express done by Dr. Avard Fairbanks, sculptor.

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MARION BRACKENRIDGE, Sonoma, Calif., sculptress who did the artwork for the bronze plaques, which will keep alive the memory of the Pony Express and its founders, Russell, Majors and Waddell.

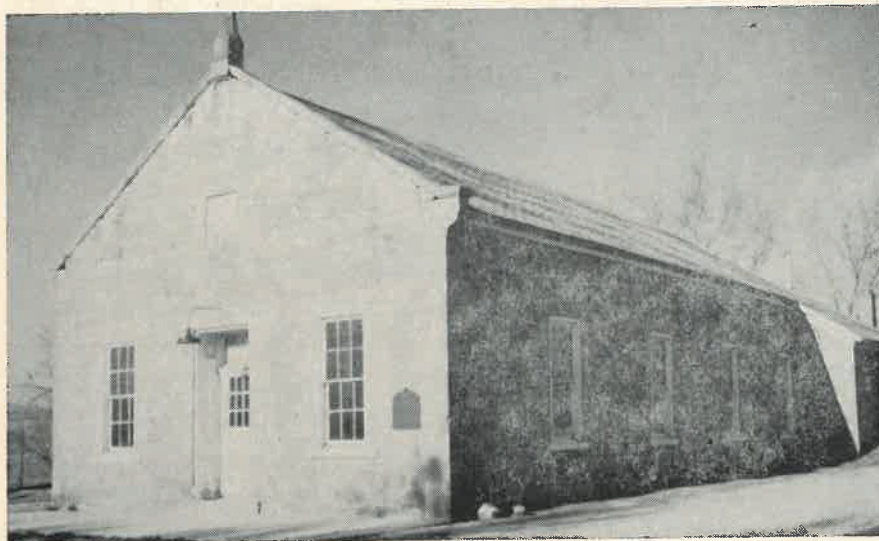


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## Pioneer Memorial Hall or The Old Rock Church



by H. Allen and Blanch K. Jensen

Pioneer Memorial Hall is believed by many to be the oldest rock meeting house in the Church. If it could talk, what stories we would hear.

At a banquet held in this structure by the Temple Quarry Chapter, SUP Vivian Gardner (Mrs. Willard Richardson, reported from "History and Romance of the West Jordan Rock Meeting House" a paper prepared by Edna Gardner Hogan. Much of the following information was received at this time and added to by the memories and verification of others associated with the history of the building.

The structure is located just east of the West Jordan Cemetery on Highway 48 at about 7800 South.

In 1858 after the "move south" Archibald Gardner was set apart as Bishop of the West Jordan Ward, with David R. Allen first counselor and Royal B. Cutler second counselor. One of their first matters of business was the planning for and building of a meeting house. Up to this time all meetings had been held in a log house near the home of Alexander Beckstead, just west of where the Rock Church now stands.

There was little money to be had, but the people were willing to do their part and cooperated in every way they could. The workers were paid in all kinds of produce. Mary Ann Gardner, the third wife of Bishop Gardner, did most of the cooking for the men

working on the construction of the church. Of interest is the account of a fish trap which was built in the mill race. It is said that the fish so obtained proved a welcome item in the diet.

Elias Morris was the architect for the new building. The main part of the structure was made of red sandstone hauled from the Jordan Range, a distance of about six miles; and trimmed with granite rock hauled from the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, across the valley to the east. It took a long time to get the material ready. It was about 1861 when the cornerstone was laid.

The pioneers became discouraged when the time for placing the roof found them without the necessary funds but help came in the form of three military men, Samuel Bateman, Charles H. Haun, and William Turner. These men obtained a large tarpaulin of canvas and covered the structure and planned a military dance. Tickets were sold for \$1.00 and a large crowd attended. Guests were Pres. Brigham Young, George Q. Cannon, Wilford Woodruff and Bishop Hunter and others. The officers of Fort Douglas attended, giving a real military effect. Most important, enough money was raised for the completion of the building. A Brother Morrell did the painting and decorating.

Dedicatorial service was held in the new building August 11, 1867, with Bishop Gardner and his counselors who were now John Hill and James Turner, in charge.

Little children stood in line on each side of the path leading to the church, holding flowers and banners which contained mottos such as: "Brigham leads, the Kingdom grows," "The stone is rolling, mind your toes," and "Brigham Young, the Lion of the Lord." As the President passed along the flower strewn path he shook hands with all the little children. This indeed, was a memorable sight for all assembled. How they cherished the re-telling of this event and recorded it in their diaries.

George Q. Cannon and Wilford Woodruff accompanied Brigham on this glorious occasion and the latter offered the dedicatory prayer.

The following acted as bishops in this building: Archibald Gardner, John Egbert and William H. Gardner. It was used for many other meetings and socials also. It served as a school, too. Sister Hulda Augusta Winters Grant, wife of Pres. Heber J. Grant, once taught school here. Also, William Steward.

In December, 1913 the old rock church was abandoned when the new L.D.S. chapel one-half mile west was moved into. Seldom used, this old relic and landmark was finally left to the ravishes of time.

In the spring of 1937 the Archibald Gardner Camp D.U.P. decided to do something about restoring and preserving the old landmark that was connected to so much history of the community and its people. They leased the ground and what was left of the old church from Bishop David M. Haun and began renovations. They too had little money but they did have a great desire and determination to bring back this pioneer church to life. Calls were made for girls, women, boys and men to help. The response was wonderful. The rubbish and filth had to be cleared away and it was. Every part of the original structure that could be repaired, remodeled, patched or cleaned was. The ceiling and windows had to be replaced. The old stage on which many a home dramatic group performed and numerous other programs presented was preserved. This is the stage that Life Member H. Allen Jensen made his first theatrical bow.

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*H. Allen and Blanch K. Jensen*

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To show the widespread cooperation of this section of the valley to the restoration project, it is noted that Jordan High School Art class from Sandy helped in the decorating and the West Jordan Junior High School boys assisted in the curtain fixtures. The Salt Lake County men rallied in preparing the grounds and making a parking lot. Men and boys, with teams and shovels, labored days and nights. Money had to be raised although some was generously donated and the ladies sponsored fund raising projects.

The Old Rock Church received a new name, "Pioneer Memorial Hall" on May 1, 1938, when a memorial service was conducted by the Archibald Gardner Camp, D.U.P., attended by Pres. Heber J. Grant, who spoke. A plaque was attached to the structure at this time making it an official D.U.P. Marker. Since 1938 the "Daughters" have added modern rest rooms, a well organized modern kitchen with facilities for serving banquets, etc., folding tables and chairs, installed a new furnace and kept everything in repair and attractively decorated. They have a paid custodian. They hold their Camp meetings and socials here and rent it out to individuals and groups. They also furnish a catering service that is tops in quality and modest in price.

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## Shades of the Past

This picture is one highly prized by the photographer H. Allen Jensen. The old 1901 Oldsmobile still runs and is the possession of Lyle D. Webster, but his father, the elderly gentleman in the driver's set has recently left this sphere of existence. It was just a year ago at the Temple Quarry Chapter's Presidents Banquet held at Pioneer Village that Frank M. Webster, senior member in the Chapter, celebrated his 90th birthday as guest of his son Lyle and Lyle's wife Eloise Webster. This year at the banquet Frank's seat was vacant. We miss this fine old member with his keen eyes, ready smile and warm handclasp.

Just shortly before Mr. Webster's death this picture was taken and it now contains some shades of the past, both human and material.

The pioneer relic in the background is what remains of a two room house erected in 1866 for the home of David Tarbell Drown and Sarah Olive Newell Drown. It was erected on the north side of Center Street west of the intersection of Main and Center Street in Midvale, which was then a part of West Jordan, Utah. It was not the first log house to be built in this locality but the only remaining home testifying of pioneer life, and as such was presented to the DUP and dedicated July 9, 1936.

The marker and plaque seen directly in front of the cabin was erected by the Glover Camp Oct. 28, 1938 and is DUP Marker No. 34. Midvale City assists in beautifying and preserving this pioneer relic.

Blanche K. Jensen and  
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## On the Move With Mormon Battalion

CONGRATULATIONS — to the newly elected officers of the Mormon Battalion! Earl H. Hansen of Logan was chosen as Commanding Officer of the Battalion for the next two years. S. Richard Keddington was renamed as finance officer, and S. Roy Chapman as assistant finance officer.

Col. Fred M. Reese, former C.O., was voted to head a regimental echelon and was authorized to serve as the liaison man with Church officials, and to work out plans for expanding the organization in an orderly manner. It is expected that this will prove to be an historic step forward.

MISSIONARIES are representing the Church and the Battalion. They are following on the heels of Bro. and Sr. William Hurd, and include:

ROBERT MARVIN SMITH, Berlin Mission. He was in attendance at MB Day in Logan and was made the recipient of many fine courtesies. At his farewell in Salt Lake the following day, nearly 40 loyal Battalion members were observed in the audience.

DOUGLAS GRANT WIMMER, Austrian Mission, is the son of our own Vaughn and Gwen White Wimmer of the Distinctive Catering Service.

FIELDING AND MELBA BURTON, Southwest British, also had their farewell June 30 in the Holladay Ward. An overflow crowd was also there. How we enjoyed Melba's violin on the Tucson Trek. All of these recently called missionaries went to the Mission Home July 1, and departed July 8.

Other missionaries who have only been gone a few months include Steven Moss, Berlin, son of Rex F. and Ione N. Moss. They already have another son in Britain. Paul Sain, Central German, is the son of Gene and Dorothy Sain of Lewis Bros. Stages. Possibly some of these good folks may get together during some of their conventions overseas.

SUP ENCAMPMENT will take place Aug. 16, 17, 18 on the BYU campus in Provo. Don't miss it. About 6 p.m., Saturday, the 17th, the MB will conduct the flag ceremony and may be asked to put on a program.

A DOUBLE FEATURE pa-

rade was provided at the annual Lehi Rodeo, June 27 when a group marched near the front of the parade. Later on, the bus from Salt Lake arrived and entered the second, or echo, marching unit about the center of the parade. They all met at the end of the route and attended the Rodeo together. Arrangements were made by Lt. Virgil H. Peterson of Lehi.

ANOTHER DOUBLE ACT occurred on July 4th when parades were staged simultaneously by the MB at Logan and Provo.

COL. FRED M. REESE was honored June 14 at the annual MIA conference for his 50 years of registered Scouting.

ONE JUNE 7, the Battalion made an appearance at Tooele as the first in a series of Mining commemorations. There was a downpour of rain until they alighted from the bus to parade. Then it stoped long enough for the parade to end and the marchers to get inside before it cut loose again. Chaplain Jos. S. Bennion was the man in charge of the weather that day.

A BOUQUET to Gene Sain, genial staff member at Lewis Bros. Stages, for loaning his new car to some members who missed the bus to Logan for MB Day when their own car broke down.

THANKS to Earl A. Hansen, general chairman of MB Day activities, and his busy committee which included Lt. Vern Muir, Capt. Quentin Thomas, and Sgt. Wendell Anderson.

HAVE YOU EVER tasted anything quite so exquisite as the smorgasbord served June 22 at the USU Union building?

WE SAW the picture of a rather long beard surrounding Col. Elias L. Day in a newspaper. If he turns up to be AWOL, he can probably be found at the Gettysburg Centennial. It's a shame to let a beard like that go to waste even though the Battalion had no invitation to participate.

C.O. Earl A. Hansen called his first staff meeting for July 9 at the SUP Executive Bldg.

At a meeting of the MB held June 11, at Pioneer Village, it was proposed that the two companies in the Salt Lake area meet on separate nights. One will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and the other on the 3rd Thursday.

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# Battalion Elects Year's Officers



Earl A. Hansen, New C.O.

During annual "Battalion Day" activities yesterday at Utah State University, Earl A. Hansen of Logan was elected commanding officer of the Mormon Battalion, succeeding Fred M. Reese of Kanab.

Major Hansen, a former president of the National Sons of Utah Pioneers, was installed last evening at the smorgabord-meeting in the union building.

Guest speaker, Reed Bullen, president of the Utah State Senate and chairman of the State Legislative Council, discussed the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy.

Other officers of the 1963 Mormon Battalion are Col. S. Richard Keddington, Salt Lake City, finance officer; Sgt. S. Roy Chapman, Salt Lake, assistant finance officer; Lt. Col. Harold H. Jenson, one of the original Battalion organizers, director; Col. Elias L. Day, executive officer.

The battalion auxiliary elected Mary Goodman, Salt Lake City, president; Leota Peterson, Lehi, first vice president; Blanche Hansen, Logan, second vice president, and Edna Brewster, Salt Lake, secretary.

Music selections included a violin duet by Dr. A. L. Dittmer and his son Kent, accompanied by Ruth Ellen Dittmer, and vocal duets by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keddington, accompanied by Robert M. Smith.

In his acceptance speech, Commander Hansen stated: "We Americans have a big and important job — that of preserving liberty, and the fine products of democracy. I pledge my very best to these ideals, and to helping this organization maintain a healthy growth."

## List of Nominations For 1963-64 National Officers Announced

Nominating Committee Chairman D. Crawford Houston is pleased to announce the following nominations for officers of the National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for the 1963-64 season.

President—Lorenzo B. Summerhays of Salt Lake City.

The following are nominated for Vice Presidents from the various geographical areas of the State of Utah.

Vote for one —

Brooks, William, St. George  
Judd, Clement, Cedar City

Vote for one —

Boyle, Clarence S., Provo  
Morgan, J. Rulon, Provo

Vote for one —

Jensen, H. Allen, Midvale  
Pingree, J. Fred, Salt Lake

Vote for one —

Call, Everett H., East Mill Creek  
Edmunds, Clyde C., Holladay

Vote for one —

Ross, Aaron B., Ogden  
Young, O. Whitney, Ogden

Vote for one —

Harper, Thomas, Garland  
Miller, James H., Brigham City

Vote for one —

Everton, George B., Sr., Logan  
Hull, A. C., Logan  
Life Membership Committee  
Member Nomination

Vote for one —

Munns, Frank, Garland  
Grix, Arthur W., Ogden

Chairman Houston has not an affirmative reply from one or two of the above nominees and as there was no reply to his questionnaire he assumes they will act if elected,

## BOOK REVIEW

MORMONISM AN INSPIRATION, By Jack Free. Pacific Publishing Co., Concord, Calif., \$4.50.

This volume, the result of 30 years of research by the author, is classified as anti-Mormon in nature—this in spite of the fact that it was not written "because of a feeling of animosity toward anyone."

At the head of each chapter a Proposition is stated dealing with the veracity of fallacy of some phase of Mormonism. The author then presents the full text of the Proposition and attempts by quotations from the scriptures and supplemental writings to disprove the claims of restoration commonly recognized in the history and teachings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

There are 70 different sources listed in the bibliography. These consist of the recognized scriptures of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and a number of historical and doctrinal treatises by members of the Church. There are writings authored by members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and of other schismatic groups. Included also are a sprinkling of publications stemming from the pens of apostates and other anti-Mormon writers.

The fact that the author uses an admixture of these sources to support his stand tends to negate the conclusions of his Propositions. It is as if there were no recognition of doctrinal differences between the schismatic groups and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is evident also that quotations have been lifted out of context to prove a point.

The author, now deceased, gave much of his life to this study and was probably most sincere in this effort. It is doubtful, however, that this volume will detract from the Gospel of Jesus Christ as restored in this dispensation or that it will add happiness or satisfaction to any man.

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## Letter From Encampment Chairman



Aura C. Hatch

The Brigham Young and the George Albert Smith Chapters of the Sons of The Utah Pioneers, located in Provo, are enthusiastic over the prospect of being the host to the 1963 National Encampment.

In the spring of 1849 the first settlers came to Provo under the direction of President Brigham. These pioneers built Fort Utah near the Provo River, they lived in the Fort for two years. In 1851 during the month of April Provo City was organized under a charter granted by the General Assembly of the State of Deseret. Provo received its name for Etienne Provot, a French-Canadian, who visited the area in the 1820's.

Since that humble beginning some 114 years ago, Provo has grown to be the third largest city in the state with a population of about 38,000, plus the 12,500 students enrolled at the Brigham Young University. We are located in beautiful Utah Valley, bounded on the east by Mt. Timpanogas and Provo Mountain and on the west by Utah Lake, in between are the fine farms and lovely homes, the industrial plants such as Columbia - Geneva Steel, the Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co., the Barbizon Lingerie Plant, etc., and our many fine churches, and the great Culture center, the Brigham Young University.

With these surroundings we are planning a most interesting and worth while National Encampment for the Sons of The Utah Pioneers and their ladies for August 16, 17, 18, 1963.

The housing on the B. Y. U. campus will be adequate and very good. There are lovely motels close by for those who wish to stay there. The food will be all that you can expect from food, very tasty and supplying the necessary nourishment so we can enjoy the entertainment and the good fellowship which you will run into when the SONS get together.

The Ladies' Fashion Show will be of great interest to all the ladies and more than likely the men.

The program by the Mormon Battalion (in uniform) will be very much worth while.

The tours of interest in our area will be educational and very informative.

The business meeting where we elect the officers for the coming year, and hear the reports and instructions of our National President and his officers, is bound to invoke some thought and interest.

The Friday night show, August 16, to be known as "A Night with the Utah Valley Opera Stars," will be something to hear and behold, yes, a lot of great talent in a variety show, singing, dancing and everything it takes to make up a good evening of delightful entertainment.

The President's Banquet where we will honor our President who has served us so well during the past year.

On Sunday morning we will end the Encampment with an appropriate devotional service which will send us on our way rejoicing for another year.

With the Mayor of Provo City, Verl G. Dixon, a very active SON for many years, and with our National Pres. Dr. Vasco M. Tanner, a member of the Brigham Young Chapter, and with all the great facilities we have here in Provo, along with an enthusiastic committee planning the events, this 1963 National Encampment is bound to be a great success.

Just one more vital thing is needed, a bunch of good fellows

with their ladies, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, to come to Provo with enthusiasm and good fellowship.

Hope to see you all in Provo August 16, 17, 18, 1963 attending the Sons of the Utah Pioneers National Encampment.

We bid you welcome.

Aura C. Hatch  
General Chairman

## BOOK REVIEW

**THE BONANZA WEST:** The Story of the Western Mining Rushes, 1848-1900. By William S. Greever. University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. \$5.95.

In *The Bonanza West*, Professor William S. Greever, an expert in western history, has brought to his readers an authoritative presentation of one of the most colorful eras of the West.

The hope of striking it rich in a mining boom gathered people from every walk of life even to the point of mass exodus in some of the gold rushes. To quote Dr. Greever this is "... the saga of how bold men braved great perils, won huge riches, met tremendous disappointments, sought dubious recreations, flouted laws, rose up as vigilantes, started to develop areas steadily from wilderness to urban center; (and) abandoned places to sink back into an almost virgin land."

This is not basically a contribution in original research, but is a presentation of composite findings on the principal mining rushes to Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, California, Montana and the Klondike and Black Hills areas.

Included in this volume is a liberal sprinkling of maps and pictures depicting life at the heyday of the boom towns. It is a well-rounded presentation in which the author has amalgamated the cultural, political, social, religious and economic phases of frontier life in the mining camps of the West. This volume will long be useful to the serious student of history as well as to the layman who reads to broaden his scope of knowledge or for sheer entertainment.



# Sons of Utah Pioneers National Encampment

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.—Registration, Cannon Center, B.Y.U. Campus, 299 East 1230 North.  
 6:30 to 7:45 P.M.—Chicken Dinner, Cannon Center Cafeteria  
 8:15 to 10:30 P.M.—Night With the Utah Valley Opera Stars

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- 7:00 to 9:00 A.M.—Registration of Late Comers  
 7:30 to 8:30 A.M.—Breakfast, Cannon Center Cafeteria  
 9:00 to 12 noon—S.U.P. Business Meeting and Elections—Alumni Building  
 10:30 to 12 noon—Ladies' Fashion Show and Program, B.Y.U. Campus

National President, Dr. Vasco M. Tanner, Ex-officio member, of all committees, and in charge of all business meetings.

### Committees:

- Aura C. Hatch, General Chairman  
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 Mrs. C. S. Boyle, Ladies' Program — Fashion Show, etc.  
 Jesse J. Weight, Saturday Noon Luncheon  
 Gus Larsen, President's Banquet  
 Lorin C. Bryner, Sunday Morning Breakfast  
 Stewart L. Grow, Devotional Services Sunday Morning  
 Oliver R. Smith, Publicity

Here is the Program for the

## SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT PROVO, AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1963

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Remember—August 3rd is the deadline for reservations. Use the attached Reservation Form.

### SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

Reservation Information for Annual Encampment  
 To be held in Provo, August 16, 17, 18, 1963

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| 1. Registration Fee .....  | \$ 1.00 |
| 2. Friday evening Chicken Dinner .....                               | 2.00    |
| 3. Night with Utah Valley Opera Stars .....                          | 1.50    |
| 4. Saturday Morning Cafeteria Brekfast.....                          | 1.50    |
| 5. Saturday Noon Lunch .....   | 1.50    |
| 6. Saturday Night "President's Banquet .....                         | 3.50    |
| 7. Sunday Morning Breakfast .....                                    | 1.50    |
| 8. Friday Night Lodging at B.Y.U.,<br>Helaman Halls, per couple..... | 4.00    |

- 12:15 to 1:15 P.M.—Lunch, Cannon Center Cafeteria  
 1:15 to 2:30 P.M.—Mormon Battalion Program—Cannon Center  
 2:30 to 5:30 P.M.—Tours of Interest—B.Y.U. Campus, Barbizon Plant, etc.  
 5:30 to 6:30 P.M.—RELAX  
 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.—Mormon Battalion Ceremony—B.Y.U. Quad  
 7:30 P.M. — Presidents' Banquet, Joseph Smith Building

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 7:15 to 8:00 A.M.—Breakfast, Cannon Center Cafeteria  
 8:15 A.M.—Devotional Services—B.Y.U. Campus

9. Saturday Night Lodging at B.Y.U.,  
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Reservations must be in the hands of the Convention Secretary, John F. Jones, 345 West 1270 North, Provo by August 3, 1963.

No tickets will be sold at the door. Our caterers require definite commitments.

In the event of emergency or extenuating circumstances refunds will be made by your giving advance notice on or before August 12, 1963.

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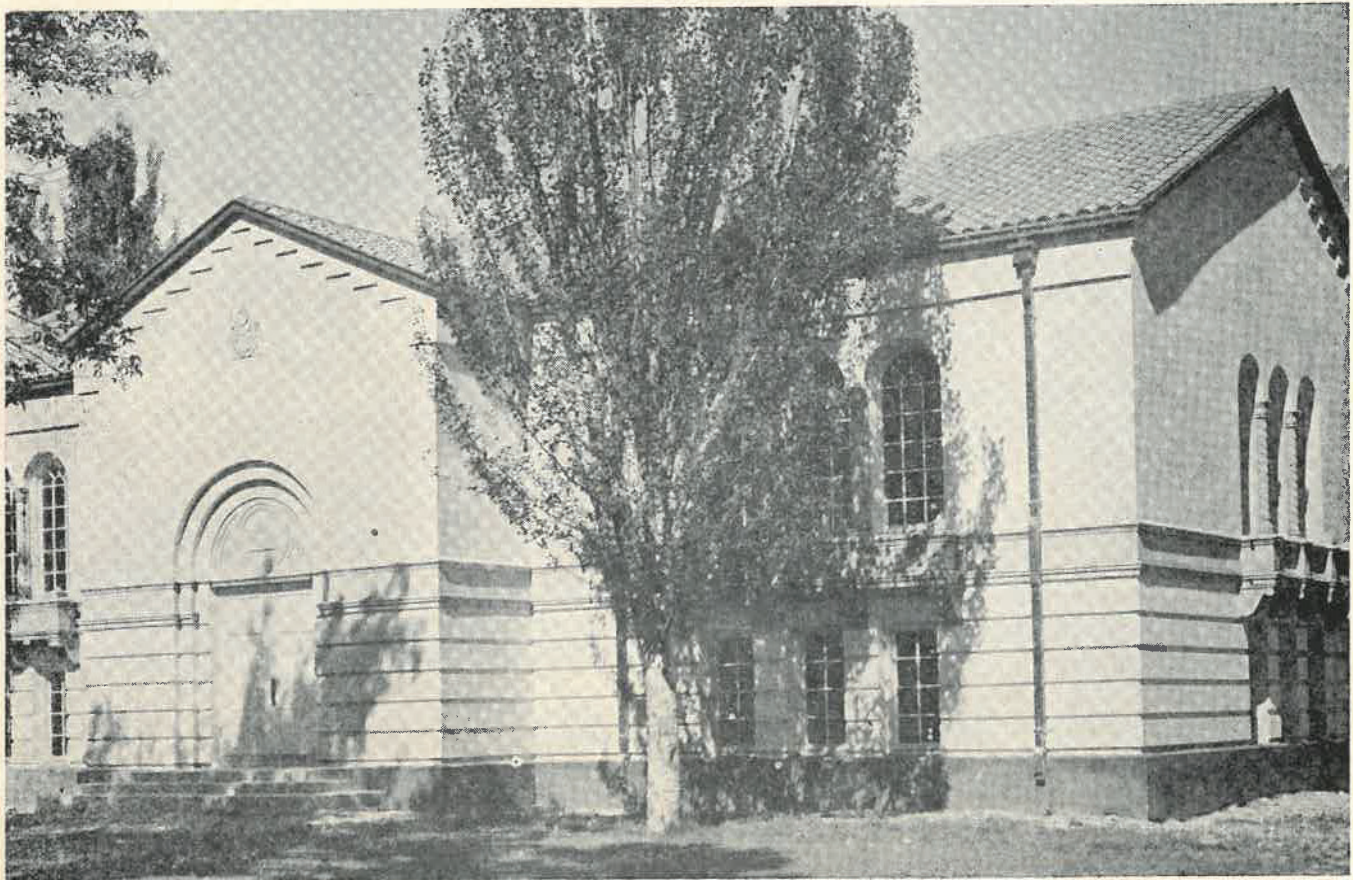
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## SUP PROFILES



### Jacob Gardner Cox

Jacob Gardner Cox was born in Lehi, Utah, December 11, 1893, the oldest son of William Snow Cox and Lizzie Cannon Gardner Cox. His mother died when Jacob, or Jay as he is known, was only five years of age, leaving Jay and a brother, William M. Cox, who was younger than Jay. The boys were taken by their grandparents to raise. Jay, by his father's father, Jacob and Elizabeth Goodson Cox and William by his Mother's parents Robert and Lenora Cannon Gardner.

Jay attended grade school and high school in Lehi. In high school he was very active both in the music line as well as in athletics. He was on the Lehi High School basketball team which had a wonderful record of winning games. He also was an outstanding member of the track team. While in high school the A. G. Club was organized by the Utah State Agricultural College in the various high schools of the state and Jay was made president of the Lehi High School A.G. Club, a position he held for two years.

Jay married Martha Ann Taylor, a daughter of Ebenezer W. and Rebecca Southwick Taylor in the

Salt Lake Temple, February 14, 1917. They have five wonderful children, three girls and two boys. They also have twenty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jay has had a varied and interesting life. Most of the time he has followed the life of a farmer, but he has found time to work for the sugar factory as well, as during the second World War he was employed at the Geneva Steel works and also the Utah Ordnance Depot. He retired at the age of 66 from the Geneva Steel Plant after 16 years of employment there.

Since that time Jay and his lovely wife Martha have filled a mission to the Gulf States Mission of the Mormon Church, where they had many thrilling and educational experiences.

In his church work, besides the mission he has been a teacher in Sunday School and the M.I.A., secretary to the Elders, also in the presidency of the Elders and Seventies quorum. At present he is secretary to his group High Priests and supervisor of the Stake Irrigated Farm.



George Albert Smith Chapter member, Leo R. Freshwater at dedication of Flowering Crab Tree in Salt Lake City for DUP, May 6, 1963. (L. to R.) Mrs. Beulah F. Spencer, DUP Secretary, Debbie Ann Curtis and Leo R. Freshwater.

## Strawberry Festival Set by SUP

By James H. Miller

Members of the Box Elder Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers had a strawberry festival at the Bowery in Rensselaer Pioneer Park on June 17, beginning at 7 p.m. All members of the local SUP chapter and their wives were invited to attend.

Invited to join with them in this annual event were the members of the eight Daughters of Utah Pioneers camps residing in Brigham City, and their husbands, according to H. Melvin Rollins, second vice president of the SUP organization. The DUP members accepted the invitation, having long felt that closer ties should be maintained between the two organizations.

"Officers of the SUP have been hard at work for some time past on plans which will call for a closer unity in the task of preserving the ideals and priceless heritage left to us by the pioneers in this region," Rollins said.

A highlight of the evening was a report on "Merry Ole England" by Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kotter, and two vocal solos by Craig Law of Garland.

Officers of the SUP chapter are as follows: Francis Christensen, president; Eberhart Zundel, first vice president; H. Melvin Rollins, second vice president; Adolph Reeder, third vice president; George L. Johnson, fourth vice president; James H. Miller, secretary-treasurer.

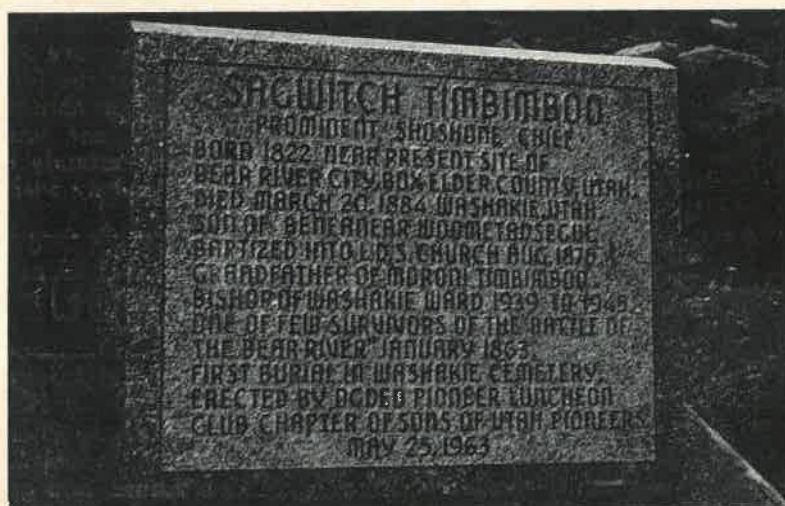
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## Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club Erects Marker to Indian Chief Sagwitch Timbimboo



Arnold R. Standing, President of Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club, and Bishop Moroni Timbimboo, shake hands after memorial is presented. Colen H. Sweeten, Jr., of Malad, Idaho, and son, in background.



Memorial to Chief Sagwitch Timbimboo, presented by the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

### SAGWITCH TIMBIMBOO

Born 1822 near present site of Bear River City, Box Elder County, Utah.

Died March 20, 1884, Washakie, Utah.

Son of Beneanear Woometadseghe.

Baptized into L.D.S. Church Aug. 1875. Grandfather of Moroni Timbimboo, Bishop of Washakie Ward, 1939 to 1945.

One of few survivors of the "Battle of Bear River," January, 1863.

First burial in the Washakie Cemetery.

Erected by Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club Chapter of Sons of Utah Pioneers, May 25, 1963.

### PROGRAM

Unveiling of Memorial by Moroni Timbimboo, grandson of Chief Sagwitch, and former Bishop.

Life of Chief Sagwitch by Mrs. Grant Parry, of Clearfield, Utah, great-granddaughter of Chief Sagwitch.

Presentation of Memorial, Arnold R. Standing, President, Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club.

Dedicatory prayer, Stephen L. Smith, president of the Malad L.D.S. Stake.

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Mrs. Grant Parry of Ogden, Utah, great-granddaughter of Chief Sagwitch, telling the story of his life.

(See story page 15.)

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## NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

Among those attending were Waddell F. Smith, Pres., San Rafael, Calif.; Judge Sherrill Halbert, Vice Pres., Sacramento, Calif.; Edwin H. Burgess, Director, from Baltimore, Md.; Col. Lester B. Wikoff, Vice Pres., Missouri; David A. Trevithick, Vice Pres., Utah; Milton V. Backman, Legal Counsel; and Horace A. Sorensen, Director-at-Large, and Chairman of the event.

## "THIS IS THE PLACE" MEMORIAL

A Monument unveiled right on the Pony Express Trail as it came out of Emigration Canyon, 1860-61. Grant Fredrickson, designer of the beautiful native granite monument, will unveil it at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, for presentation by Horace A. Sorensen. Pres. Waddell F. Smith will present the bronze plaques from the National Pony Express Association. This memorial will be accepted by Aldin O. Hayward, Director of Utah State Parks Commission, representing Gov. George D. Clyde. Dedication will be made by Henry S. Florence, National Chaplain, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

## Sons of Utah PIONEER VILLAGE

HONORED BY THE PONY EXPRESS  
CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

A Pony Express Monument unveiled at Pioneer Village by Marian Brackenridge of Sonoma, Calif., the sculptress of the bronze plaques. The Pioneer Village was Headquarters for the Pony Express during the National Centennial in 1960. Dr. Vascoe Tanner will present this monument made of desert stone. Pres. Waddell F. Smith will present the bronze plaques from the National Pony Express Commission. Milton V. Backman, Associate Director of Pioneer Village, will accept the Memorial and dedication will be made by H. Ward McCarty, former Secretary of Sons of Utah Pioneers.

## "Thunder Before Lightning"

Robert Lash Robbins, Visalia, Calif., will be here to introduce his book of 100 Pony Express stories, and a colorful stamp for each story by the famous artist, Vargas. These books will go on sale at Pioneer Village, complete with stamps for \$1.

*Robert G. Anderson, Contractor of Monuments*

## For More Than 10 Years the Sons of Utah Pioneers Planned These Memorials Which They Have Built

And made possible by the National Pony Express Centennial Association furnishing the bronze plaques honoring the founders and the trail through Salt Lake City. Also, a 17-inch BRONZE PLAQUE WAS PLACED ON THE MONUMENT IN FRONT OF THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, which was the Salt Lake City Home Station for the Pony Express in 1860-61.



Pony Express statue  
by Dr. Avar Fairbanks,  
Harrah's, Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Saturday, July 20, 1963

## UNVEILING TWO MEMORIALS to the PONY EXPRESS

Although short lived, the Pony Express carried the mail semi-weekly on a 10-day schedule by horseback 1,966 miles, from St. Joseph on the East to Sacramento on the West. It was the fastest means of news in 1860-61 to keep the far-flung country united on the eve of the Civil War. RUSSELL, MAJORS & WADDELL, the founders, lost their fortunes in this venture but their names go down in history as plaques of bronze on fine Monuments mark the trails of history.





*Waddell F. Smith, president National Pony Express Association, presents fabulous Bronze Plaques to Pioneer Village because it was headquarters for National Pony Express during Centennial, 1960.*

## **This Memorial Was Built of Colorful Deseret Stone by Sons of Utah Pioneers**

Reading from left to right at Pioneer Village: Edwin Burgess, Director National Pony Express Centennial Assn., Baltimore, Md.; Col. Lester B. Wicoff, Vice Pres., Lexington, Mo.; Ethel M. Sorensen, co-founder of Pioneer Village; Mrs. Lee; Mayor J. Bracken Lee of Salt Lake City; Horace A. Sorensen, Founder and Director of Pioneer Village; Miss Marian Brackenridge, sculptress, Sonoma, Calif.; Dr. Vasco Tanner, Pres. Sons of Utah Pioneers, presiding, and Pres. Waddell F. Smith, speaking at the Pony Express rostrum.

to receive the 3 bronze plaques awarded by the National Pony Express Centennial Association. These plaques are the work of *Marian Brackenridge*, famous sculptress from Sonoma, Calif. Dedication and unveiling ceremonies at Pioneer Village, July 20, 1963, at 6:30 p.m.



## The Sons of Utah Pioneers Honored the Pony Express

Reading from left to right: Lamont Toronto, Secretary of State; Horace A. Sorensen, Edwin H. Burgess, Dr. Vascoe Tanner, Aldin O. Hayward, Director Utah State Park Comm.; Milton V. Backman, Marian Brackenridge, David A. Trevithick, Pres. Waddell F. Smith, Waddell Smith Jr., Grant Fredrickson and Col. Lester B. Wicoff.

### WITH GRANITE MEMORIAL

In the shadow of "This Is the Place" Monument, with bronze plaques from National Pony Express Centennial Commission.

H. WARD McCARTY, former Secretary, National Society Sons of Utah Pioneers, at the inception of the Pony Express Centennial over 10 years ago, forcefully carried this program to fruition as a project of the Sons of Utah Pioneers for the State of Utah.

On July 20, 1963, he delivers wonderful dedicatorial address, beautifully ending what we so enthusiastically started.



MILTON V. BACKMAN receives the plaques and memorials for the Sons of Utah Pioneer Village, 2998 Connor St., July 20, 1963. Mr. Backman is Associate Director of the Village. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lash Robbins, Visalia, Calif., are seen on either side of the speaker.

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From left to right: Mayor Ray Greenwood, Drill Master; Paul C. Boyce, Past Pres.; Mark Greenwood, and Jimmy Manning, President, being thanked by Horace A. Sorensen for their interest in the celebration and Pony Express Museum.

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# Indian's Story of Bear River Battle

*By Mrs. Mae Timbimboo Parry  
Great-Granddaughter of  
Chief Sagwitch*

In the year 1863 a band of Shoshone Indians were camped at Franklin, Idaho. This being the camping site of the Shoshone Indians under the leadership of Chief Sagwitch Timbimboo and Chief Bear Hunter. While they were camped here some horses were stolen, were driven off by Chief Pocatello's men. The horses were taken into Idaho over night.

During this same time a fight occurred between some Indians and some farm boys in which two of each of the parties were killed. However, these Indians that took part in this fight were not of our tribe, but were also from Idaho. Without even asking which of the Indians took part in the killings, the white settlers of Cache Valley sent an appeal to General Conner at Fort Douglas to come and help them settle the Indians affairs. Since Gen. Connor was getting reports about Indians stealing, fighting and raiding in the valley, he decided to come to the settlement and teach the Indians a good lesson. He even decided to come to the camp in secrecy. The Indians being of a cunning and wise nature, learned of his coming and were watching to see where he would go and what he would do. They had no fear of the soldiers, because they knew they had done no wrong. They waited anxiously and at dawn on Jan. 29, 1863 they were descended upon by about 200 mounted soldiers.

Chief Sagwitch awoke quite early this morning and went outside of his tepee. He saw a strange sight. The hills to the east of Franklin, Idaho were covered with steam. The steam escaping from the horses of the Military. Quickly he awoke the sleeping Indians. They quickly dressed and headed for the frozen Bear River. They knew they were not guilty but they had to fight for their lives. Quickly they dug holes in the side of the river and awaited the soldiers. Without even asking them if they were guilty, the General and his men fired upon the Indians. But what is an arrow compared to the muskets of a rifle. The Indians were being slaughtered like rabbits.

The river that was frozen solid

a few moments before was now starting to flow. The Indian were jumping into the river and trying to escape by swimming across the river. Ray Diamond, a nephew of Chief Sagwitch was successful in his attempt. He got across the river and found shelter away from the soldiers.

Yeager Timbimboo, a son of Chief Sagwitch was about 12 years old at this time. He dashed in and out among the whizzing bullets, but was not hit. He heard cries of pain and saw death all around him. He kept running around until he came upon a little wheat grass tepee that was so full of people that it looked as if it was walking. He went in and found his grandmother inside. She suggested they go outside and lay among the dead and pretend to be dead. They remained in this position from early morning until late evening. Yeager said years later if he had to do it over again he would probably freeze to death.

After the battle the soldiers came among the Indians killing those that were wounded. One of the soldiers came to Yeager and seeing that he was alive took his rifle and aimed at his head. He stood in this position for some time. What went through the mind of this soldier will never be known, but he took the rifle down and just looked at the young Indian. The second time the soldier lifted his rifle, Yeager figured his life was over, but again the soldier went on his way. Then his grandmother later scolded him for forgetting to keep his eyes closed.

Yeager and his grandmother did not know where to go. They were hungry and cold, and without food. Finally they heard a familiar voice calling from a distance, "If there are survivors, come over to my fire and get warm." They hurried to the camp fire and found people they knew. Yeager heard that his father Chief Sagwitch had escaped with a wound in his hand, after having had two horses shot dead from under him. He found his mother had been killed and his baby sister left in her (Kono) Indian cradle on a tree. It was later believed that some white settlers had taken this baby and a few other small children and raised them.



## Pioneer Village Employee

James F. (Jimmy) Schindler has been called on a Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will serve in the Bavarian Mission and hopes to labor in the town of Munich which is his father's native town.

He has worked for the Pioneer Village part-time for about five years. He has had one year of college. Jimmy will certainly make a fine missionary and we wish him great success.

His farewell will be held Aug. 11th in the Fairmont Ward, at 5 p.m. and he will leave for Germany on Aug. 19th.

Another son of Chief Sagwitch also survived the battle. His life was spared because he chose to remain in the little wheat grass tepee that his brother and grandmother left. He was found wandering around in the snow with a little bowl of pine-nut gravy that was frozen stiff. This little boy was later sold by his father Chief Sagwitch to a white family. He was sold for a sack of flour, bag of beans, a Mormon quilt and sheep. The chief wanted his son to grow in the ways of the white man. Even at that early date Chief Sagwitch wanted education for his children. This son was known as Frank Warner.

Chief Bear Hunter was killed in the Battle of Bear River. His death was really a cruel death. The soldiers shot at him, whipped him and could not kill him, so one of the soldiers took his rifle and stepped up to a burning camp fire, heated his bayonet until it was red hot and ran this through the old Chief's ears. In this manner he died.

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